

## WB9BWP

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### Agenda for October board meeting:

Matt Planning's KB9PRC, place, 7:00 PM ----- **4812 W Wells St Apt 1**

1 - November Board meeting location

#### 2 - Xmas Party Update

- No music as we have had (higher cost)
- Gordon West?
- Clarify prizes and how they are awarded - what about Harry Cieski's painting
- Letter to club presidents
- Should we quickly invite new ARRL Director and Vice Director (election final 11/20)
- What else?

#### 3 - Visitors at meetings?

- Make them feel welcome.
- Get name and address?
- Send them anything?
- Where do rosters go?

#### 4 - Get new people to meetings!

- How about new hams in area? Can get lists from ARRL (fee for lists of all members)
- We do get newly licensed lists. We have sort of discussed before but nothing definite
- Why not institute a program for a period of time and see if worth it

#### 5 - Chatter?

#### 6 - Database/mailing?

- Who will do mailing and how?
- Plan on roster in spring

#### 7 - Repeater

- There has been problems (I can bring up but no audio - no problem anywhere else). Anything we can do?

#### 8 - Clarification on dues payment

- Do not want to discuss cutoff for months.

#### 9 - Meeting?

- Al Drobac KB9NRS taking over doing refreshments

#### 10 - November meeting?

#### 11 - Misc:

- Do we have list of available video tapes the club has possession of? How about ARRL videos?
- Tables and chairs?
- Shirts, hats, whatever?
- Anybody have comments on my stuff in Chatter? Encourage anyone to write editorials/comments
- Reminder to any league members to vote for director
- Reminder about comments to FCC on rule changes

Fred Linn's QTH

Absent Don, Matt

The meeting was called to order at 7:20

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report--- Total liquid assets \$2778.19

Total including CD's \$12,778.19

Ken -- 52 members have not paid their dues. 2 of the clubs CD's will come due next month. The club will pick up some additional interest at this time.

Fred -- Who are the 50+ members who have not paid their dues? Ken read the list. Jerry will stamp the Chatter that they are delinquent and notify them that this is their last Chatter.

Ed -- What should our new activities be for 1998?? Ed would like every board member to write an article for the Chatter.

Rick offered to design a new club letter head. And to take over sending a notice to join our club to new amateurs in our area and people who have recently up graded based on the list we get from the ARRL.

Pancho -- AES will have it's Super Fest April 3 and 4. Do we want to have a club table at the Fest? Ed -- Yes. We need volunteers however to man the table. We will use the table for information to promote the club and the VE program. Pancho will order a table and make a sign for the club on his computer. Fred volunteered to help Pancho in the endeavor.

Ed asked Dave to come up with a list of the members arranged according to age groups by every 10 years. 20-30 40-50 etc:

A discussion was held on the relationship of our club and the ARRL since they do not respond to our phone calls and letters.

Roger -- Maybe we should consider the idea of combining computers with our radio club so that we can interest more young people? What the format would be is still open for further discussion.

Dave -- We should be sure that someone greets our new comers at the meetings and

make sure their questions are answered.

Pancho -- The clubs printer has problems, so he took it in for repairs and had it fixed for \$115.10 The drum assy. was replaced. Ken wrote Pancho a check to cover the expense.

Ed -- A form was sent out last month to all the VE's that were on our list to ask them if they are still interested in helping with testing and on what days and times they would be available. So far 32 people have responded.

Ed -- We should start thinking about out elections coming up in June and start looking for new members to run the club. Roger suggested that we bring this up at the next meeting. Rick -- We should put in the Chatter, some of the task that a club officer must do. Roger -- A personal approach to various members to become a club officer would be the best way.

Ed -- Next month we need to start a nominating committee.

Pancho says that John WB9PSE would like help in the kitchen , we need additional volunteers to help with this.

Ed -- The breakfast club that was originally started by Ted Stiller is still going strong and the new location at 180th and Capitol is working out just fine.

Dave -- The club meeting will start at 6:00 with a school on diagrams.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05

Thanks to Fred for the good things to eat.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

FOR SALE RON KB9KYI

Icom IC-730

Desk Mic.

MFJ 949 Tuner

Hustler BTV-4 Vertical with coax

G5RV wire antenna

Kenwood TR751A all mode 2 meter transceiver

KLM 2 meter cross pol. antenna.

CALL RON 453-6505

Directors meeting 2/23/98

Absent Pancho and Roger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

*Ed says* - Pancho reports that he will be at AES Super Fest to watch over the MRAC table.

Dave reports that we will have a school prior to the meeting. The program will be on digital and next month will be on radio math. Including the use of formulas on a calculator as well as the long hand methods. Also changes may be made as far as what time we start classes. And whether to continue will depend on attendance and good response from the members.

Ed -- The month of May will be our annual meeting. The election for new officers and directors will be held at this meeting. Ed wants each officer to describe his or her function as an officer at the club meeting so that members can see that the job is not that hard to handle and well within everyone's capability.

A group discussion on getting programs for future meetings.

The board also discussed whether or not we should get involved in renewals for the ARRL through the club and save the members \$2.00 for renewals and \$5.00 for new memberships.

The ARRL sent the secretary the necessary papers to do this and a decision will need to be made soon if we should go ahead.

Pancho will provide the details of renewals to the ARRL in the Chatter.

Ed says that the ARRL still has not responded to any of our request to show up at one of our meetings.

Ken's Treasurers report \$3242.57 in liquid assets and \$13,242.57 total with CD's.

The club has just received \$600 in interest from the CD's

The meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Thanks to Dave for the treats and allowing us to use his place for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

Club Meeting      MRAC      2/26/98

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

The mic was passed around for all to identify themselves.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report \$3242.00 in liquid assets and \$13,242.00 total with CD's.

ED-- All club officers and three directors positions are up for election at the May meeting. Ed explained how the board now functions and what the duties of each person is. Also the basic rules of operation. Matt, Roger , Jim , Pancho and Ken also described their role in more detail and assured everyone that it is fun and that the friendships you build are well worth being involved with the board. Ed also asserted that everything is done on a volunteer basis.

We are all looking foreword to having some new blood involved in running the club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

A sales program on new computerized Ham receivers and transceivers was given by our guest Dick KE9QU from AES.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

MRAC Directors meeting

3/23/98

All Board members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 at Ken's QTH.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Ken's treasurers report -- \$3,968.18 in liquid assets

Total \$ 13,968.18 with CD's

Ed -- #1 is the election. We need more candidates. This Thursday at the meeting we must get the nominations going. We should ask the members directly if they will run.

Matt -- I would like to run for an officers position if someone can be elected to replace my directors position.

Jim -- I will run for secretary again if no-one else would like a chance to do the job.

Ed -- I will consider running for director but not president.

Ed -- The club donated a intercom and speaker to Redemption Church for the use of the hall for another year. All directors and officers voted unanimously for this.

Dave -- The starting time for the next club meeting will be ~~7~~8:00. However, next month the starting time will be 7:00 our normal time.

A group discussion on the type of programs we should present to the membership this next coming year.

Ed has so handouts for Ohm's Law formulas for this Thursdays meeting to go along with the meetings program on radio formulas.

Ed reports that on April 2nd, he has a meeting at the VA Hospital to see if we can put the clubs repeater on their roof. And also that he and Jim were considering making a proposal to the board to replace our existing repeater with a new one when the next CD comes due. The board as a whole thought that this would be a good idea and we should mention it at the Thursday club meeting.

Rick -- He is going to ask a friend about someone to write a program for Pancho for his word processing to help make the Chatter publishing go faster every month in and effort to save Pancho some time.

Matt -- I offer to help as a new proof reader of the Chatter every month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25

Thanks to Ken for the use of his QTH and for all the goodies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

## MRAC CLUB MEETING

3/26/98

The meeting was called to order at 7:36,

The mic was passed around for all to identify.

The previous meeting minutes were read and corrected.

Treasures report. Total liquid assets including the vec fund is \$3,968.18 and with CD's \$13,968.18. We still have 20 members who have not renewed. Some we know have recently passed away. Dr. John Wyman K4HXZ our clubs oldest member has just passed away.

Ed started the early bird school on Ohm's Law at 6:00 , prior to this meeting.

Ed reports that he will have a meeting at the VA Hospital to see about putting the clubs repeater on the hospitals roof. And that we are thinking about selling the clubs old repeater so we can buy a new one. The old one is over 20 years old. The old receiver does not have the sensitivity as a new one and the transmitter still has tubes in it. The board would like some feedback from the membership about the new repeater idea. Or some suggestions.

Verne Teske W9RYA, made a motion that the club buy a new repeater A.S.A.P. and that the board should not sit on this idea. We have the money so we shouldn't wait. All board members were present at the meeting and a unanimous vote was taken to buy a new repeater. Roger, W9UVV made a motion that we should get the new repeater regardless if we get the new VA Hosp. roof location or not. All members at the meeting voted unanimously to accept both of the above proposals.

Ed -- The board will get the info on the repeaters that are available and purchase one as soon as the CD comes due.

Pancho -- I have some pictures from the clubs history files that were provided by Jim and I am looking for any members who can help me identify the people in them during our snack break. He also would like to know when the pictures were taken.

A question was asked if the new repeater will have a phone patch? It was decided to hold on the patch until the repeater is working at peak performance and we have control operators monitoring be for we activate the patch. The existing controller which will be reused on the new repeater does have complete phone patch capabilities. If the repeater is at the VA we will have to see about getting a phone line there.

Ed -- We need nominations for ~~or~~ <sup>our</sup> election in May. Nominations began to fly in all directions. The results at the end of the meeting are as follows.

Matt Planning KB9PRC will run for 1st vice president.

Rick McNew WB9PTC will run for a board director position.

Gerald Melotik KC9EV will run for a board director position.

Ed Wille W9PWG will run for a board director position.

Dave DeFebo WB9BWP will run for president.

Ralph Mason N9QLE will run for a director position.

Jim Tromblay WB9LNU will run again for secretary.

Brian White KB9LCQ will run for a ~~director~~ position. — 2nd VP.

Dave Griffin KB9PRF will run for a directors position.

We still need a Treasurer and 2nd vice president. Extensive efforts will be made at the April meeting to find someone interested.

Ed -- We have all been trying to help Pancho find the errors in the Chatter prior to printing. He reminded everyone that the spirit of the Chatter is intact and that the few mistakes have not caused any unrepairable harm. Pancho has tried very hard and should be commended for his volunteer efforts.

Fred Linn W9NZF, says Pancho needs more articles. Some of the people that complain should try their hand at writing an article and contribute once and awhile.

Mark Bye KB9LDX says if anyone here is packet capable then your input is requested on his packet site on 145.030

Dave -- Next months program will be on VHF operation by a friend of Rick's WB9GYT.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Wb9LNU  
Secretary



## Notice of Annual Meeting

The clubs by-laws require all members to be notified that next months meeting will be the clubs annual meeting in which the election of new officers and directors will be held. The annual meeting will be held at the regular club meeting at Redemption Church on May 28th.

Three director positions and all officer positions are open for election.

No one was nominated for the position of Treasurer and by rule all nominations are closed after the April meeting. Ken Eggert W9MOT has volunteered to stay on as Treasurer until the newly elected President can appoint someone to the position. Ken has expressed at several meetings that he does not wish to continue as Treasurer.

Matt Planning KB9PRC has one year to go as a director. He is now running for the officer position of 1st Vice President. Should he be elected, the by-laws state that the newly elected President shall appoint someone to fill Matt's final year as a director.

Directors that still have one year to go are: Matt Planning KB9PRC  
Pancho Doneis KA9OFA  
Rick Kissell WB9GYT

Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

# MRAC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 26, 1998  
**PLACE:** Jim Tromblay's QTH  
W298 S2727 Ridgewood Drive  
Waukesha  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

## Let's Carpool to Jims!

Club meeting - our annual meeting - Date is Thursday, May 28

Election meetin - Matt Planning is in charge

Matt, Don Virlee and Rick Kissell will count ballots with Fred, Roger (if needed.)

- 1) Election - last minute stuff ✓
  - 2) Repeater - group report ✓
  - 3) *Chatter* mailing procedures ✓
  - 4) Our June Field Day planning ✓
  - 5) Club meeting this summer - June, July and August ✓
  - 6) Xmas Party ✓
- And Whatever!

**Thanks to all of you for your help in running this GREAT Club!**  
**I couldn't have done it without you.**

Roger Zaun's QTH

Absent Rick WB9GYT

The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers Report Total Liquid Assets \$2937.94 including VEC.

Total with CD's \$12937.94

The clubs \$1000 CD will come due in August.

The larger CD will come due in Feb.

The board had a group discussion about the up coming election and the secretary read the by-laws governing the election procedures to be sure that we are in order.

Matt will make the ballots and do the count at the election and inform the winners.

All election nominations will be final at the Thursday meeting in April. The voting will be in May at the annual meeting and the installation of new officers will be at the June meeting.

Ed The latest news on the VA Hosp. site for the repeater is that he has a meeting this Wed. and will try to establish a price for the use of the roof top.

The repeater committee has several repeaters that are being looked at with regard to options and power levels. The clubs 2 meter repeater power amp is a new solid state unit purchased a year ago and its power supply is new also. The existing cavities are also found to be compatible and will be reused. The committee will purchase the new repeater and put it on the air even if we do not get the VA site as per the vote by all members and all board members at the last club meeting.

Ed I am checking on donating amateur educational material to the Milwaukee public library system. For the main one down town and it's branch offices. Fred says that he has provided amateur information to his local library along with info on MRAC and license procedures.

Pancho and Ed said that W5YI info can be used as long as we give credit to W5YI as the original source.

Pancho Says he would like to see us donate a ARRL handbook.

Dave We need feed back from the library such as how many times have our books been checked out, so we can see if our donations are worth while.

Pancho All material donated should have a stamp on it saying that the material came from the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club.

Ed We will also leave the clubs 466-HAMS info on display.

Pancho The club could also donate learning video tapes for the tech license.

Field Day The board will ask Jerry Melotik if he would be interested in being our field day

Chairman this year. Other wise we should try to find a volunteer at the next meeting. Jim WB9LNU will bring the clubs equipment to the site. Fred W9NZF is checking on the Depot and is sure that we can meet there again this year.

Ed suggested that the newly elected president could have a club P.O. Box near his house so he wouldn't have to travel so far. Ed would like to maintain the existing one for the VEC program.

Roger What about getting back into Wauwatosa Savings Bank basement for future meetings.

Ed says that he talked with Orv Stewart and that Orv will check. It seems that the bank decided not to remodel the lower level and that it may soon be available for use.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Thanks to Roger for the treats and the use of his QTH.

The next directors meeting will be at Jim's QTH in Genesee on May 26th., a Tuesday due to the fact that Monday is a Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 due to other activities going on in the church. The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written. Rick asked that I double check his call letters and Matt Plannings in the previous minutes and correct them if they are wrong.

Ken's Treasures report -- Total with CD's \$12,937.94. This include the VEC fund. Ken asked the everyone in the group to consider running for the position of Treasurer. No one has excepted the nomination to be Treasurer at the next election in May. Ken also says that he still has some members on the list who have not paid their dues.

Roger Zaun W9UVV the new repeater chairman explained some of the details on the various new repeaters available and asked the members if they would like to vote on which one to buy or if they would like the board to decide. A majority vote was taken that the board should make the decision.

Ed -- Explained that he is still working with the VA to see if we can establish a site on their roof. And we will also need some volunteers to be control operators and working on the repeater will require special passes to get into the hospital.

Matt Planning -- Introduced himself again to all members and explained the basic rules of the up coming election and named the members who are running for office. No one is accepting the nomination for Treasurer. Ken says he will stay on until the new president finds someone to assume the position.

Ed says that we need a Field Day Chairman and that he is thinking of asking Jerry Melotic KC9EV.

Fred Linn W9NZF told Ed that he has the Field Day site reserved for us again this year.

Ed says that he is going again this year to the National Conference of VEC's is Gettysburg. Ed says you can still renew your license yourself buy using a G10 form. The VEC's will soon be doing renewals via computer and all club members will get this service for free.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU

Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club  
Directors Meeting

5/25/98

Absent Ken, Matt and Don

Ed- Matt will be making the ballots and have everything ready for the meeting on Thursday.

Roger - Nominations can be made up to 10 days before the elections according to the clubs by-laws. Not the last club meeting as previously thought. No-one has come forward to run for the Treasurers position.

Ed - All meetings with the V.A. about the use of their roof have been canceled to date. Ed says, only because the person he has to talk to is very busy. In the mean time he has ordered the repeater. Ken gave him a check to cover the down payment. AES will check the unit prior to giving it to us. The repeater will cost \$2572.00.

Dave says we should challenge the members to use the new repeater.

Ed says that he will continue to try and talk with the man at the V.A. To date he has no idea how much they want for rent of the tower on the roof.

Ed says that Dick KA9MTY is taking care of mailing the chatter in Jerry's absence.

Ed asked the board if we could O.K. an open account at Office Depot to have the Chatter printed. This way anyone can drop off the Chatter and someone else can pick it up without having to get a check from Ken in advance or dish out the money from their pocket. The motion was made and accepted by everyone present.

Pancho and Rick met with a graphic artist that has some idea's to improve the Chatter's appearance. Ed thought that the present Chatter is O.K. but since Pancho is the one who is doing it we should accommodate him. It will cost the club \$200.00 for this person to create a new format that Pancho hopes will speed up his effort to get the Chatter out every month. Pancho says he expects to be the Chatter's editor for a long time yet and wants the latest computer software to help him. Rick says that this person is familiar with the computer that Pancho is using and will write a program specifically to help him. The Board voted O.K. on the expense.

Jerry Melotic will be Chairman for this years Field Day. Jim WB9LNU ordered the Field Day paperwork from the ARRL. Further discussion with Jerry at the meeting about getting volunteers for the food and drinks will be necessary.

The Board has decided that the club will have meetings in June , July and August.

Ed has made arrangements at Alioto's for the Xmas party. Orv will set it up and we will have a Buffet dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

One last comment: Discussion should be held at the next meeting to get a new club Roster.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

MRAC Annual meeting and regular membership meeting.

5/28.98

The meeting was called to order at 7:07P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report - Ken has cashed in the clubs \$4000 CD to pay for the repeater and put money in the fund for Field Day. Details on the balance in the treasury at the next meeting.

Ed-- The repeater has arrived at AES and Ed will pick it up early next week. Ed will put it on the air from his QTH until a new site can be found.

The mic was passed around for all to ID.

Ed -- Field Day plans are taking shape. Jerry KC9EV will be the Chairman this year. Jerry says we need volunteers to help with the food. Jim WB9LNU will bring all the equipment.

Ed -- The club Christmas party is arranged. The location will be Alioto's on Burliegh and Hwy 100. A buffet dinner will be served. The details on the dinner will be decided later. The date has been set for Dec. 13. The time has not been set yet.

This meeting is also the clubs annual meeting for the purpose of elections. 31 members are present which constitutes the minimum of 15% quorum as required by the clubs by-laws.

Matt Planning is the election chairman this year. He passed out ballots and explained the election procedures. He also introduced everyone whom is running for office and director and asked them to stand. The meeting took a break at 7:50 so the ballots could be counted and food served.

The election results are as follows: President Dave DeFebo WB9BWP

1st. V.P. Matt Planning KB9PRC

2nd. V.P. Brian White KB9LCQ

Treasurer -----

Ken Eggert W9MOT will fill in until someone is found.

Secretary Jim Tromblay WB9LNU

All the above people were the sole persons running for an officers position.

The election results for director: Rich McNew WB9PTC 30 votes

Ed Wille W9PWG 28 votes

Gerald Melotik KC9EV 27 votes

Ralph Mason N9QLE 9 votes



Only three directors are up for election so Rich, Ed and Jerry were declared winners.

Any vacancy created on the board by this election will be filled by Presidential appointment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

Directors Meeting 6/22/98

Held at the picnic tables of AES due to AES forgetting that we were coming and not leaving the door open for us to get in.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

Treasurers report -- Clubs liquid assets \$4,180.99 Total -- \$10,180.99

The drop in total assets is due to the purchase of the clubs new repeater. AES over charged us and refunded \$275.00.

Ed -- Alioto's has been paid \$100.00 for a down payment on our Christmas Party.

The VE's will not be testing until the end of August.

This months Chatter is sure a beauty with all the pictures. Special thanks to Pancho for all his efforts.

Note: Both the newly elected and past directors have been invited to this meeting.

Ed ordered a new dipole for Field Day so the club has a good antenna for 40 and 80 meters. This dipole can also be used on 10,15 and 20. It is a B&W AT-110. The board O.Ked \$95.00 for the purchase.

Fred -- For Field Day , we will only rent the john this year. A wash area has been built by the Pioneer Village Group.

Ed -- Ted Stiller has a lot of pictures of Field Day's past and perhaps we should ask his for some to put in the clubs history files.

Field Day -- The Board discussed the food menu and the equipment list. All is in order. Matt has volunteered to pick up the food. Ed will call Jerry to be sure that we have a meeting about Field Day at the club meeting to be extra sure everything is ready. Ed asked that we be sure to have an attendance sheet at Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00

One last suggestion was made that the old repeater be brought to Radio Recyclers and sold.

The goodies for the meeting were provided by Kate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU Secretary

Club Meeting 6/25/98

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Ed for the last time as President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted as written.

The Treasurers report    Total club assets \$ 10,180.99    The repeater has been paid for in full.

Ed -- The new repeater is on. We are getting a lot of interference for the repeater in Michigan. We plan to install the clubs old controller on the new repeater so Romeo will be back. The old repeater will be taken to Radio Recyclers or some other place so it can be sold.

Everyone should give Pancho a hand for the excellent job he did on this month's Chatter with the pictures and all.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Ed gave his state of the club message as President for the last time. In brief: he said, we still have over 160 members and 40 to 50 come every month to the meetings. Although 15 to 20 do most of the work. He thanked everyone who came to mind for giving their valuable time to make the club a success. For example, the members of the Board, Pancho with the Chatter and all those who help get it out every month. He says, " Not everyone liked everything we did, but that is Ham Radio. Some like CW, SSB or 6 meters. The main thing is to stay together as a group, don't get mad and have fun. "

Roger W9UVV, a departing director, swore in the newly elected officers and directors.

Dave WB9BWP , our new President took over the meeting.

Dave -- Field Day -- Dave elaborated about Field Day and what goes on, for the benefit of the new members present at the meeting. He reminded everyone that all members are invited and guest are welcome. He introduced Jerry our Field Day Chairman for further comments.

Jerry KC9EV complimented the club on the high quality of equipment and organization we have had in the past years for Field Day. He says he can remember when everyone had to bring their own equipment and the station setup's were not the greatest. He reminded everyone that we are out there to teach and have fun. Being the highest scoring club is not our objective. Jerry and Matt will bring the food and supplies. Jim WB9LNU will bring most of the club equipment. The arrival time should be about 8:30.

Dave -- AES will have a Icom digital seminar.

Dave -- Remember the MRAC truck? The local ARES has purchased one similar and needs donations to buy radio's for it. Dave passed a box around to collect any contributions.

Burnie KB4QXV donated a trunk full of radio parts and cables to the club because he is moving permanently to Florida. Dave will sell the stuff at a swap fest to make extra money for the club.

Dave is looking for a Treasurer to replace Ken W9MOT and a director to replace Matt KB9PRC who was elected to 1st Vice President. He also thanked the past board members for their services.

Roger W9UVV, asked if we have heard any more about Wauwatosa Bank and the possibility of getting our old room back. No-one had any word as yet.

Pancho -- To any first timer at Field Day, it would be interesting if you wrote about your experience for the Chatter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

## MRAC Field Day 1999

Field Day by tradition over the last several years has also been the club picnic day. Saturday, June 26th at noon is the picnic lunch.

The actual Field Day setup starts at 8:30 A.M. Saturday. First all the antenna's are erected and then the stations. We are usually done by 11:00. There is plenty of shade and we have total use of the Rail Road Station. The picnic meal is supplied by the club. For those who are around at supper time, we usually go as a group to a local restaurant to eat. There has always been someone around who is willing to stay at the site while the others go for dinner. At noon Sunday we begin taking everything down and the last station goes off the air at 1:00.

Just in case our no-code techs are not aware, on Field Day you have extra class privileges. This is your chance to try those other bands. Even though foreign stations are no participating in field day, you can still talk to them. Do you own a vertical and wonder what a beam is like, now is your chance to find out.

Thanks to Fred Linn, W9NZF we have the excellent site.

Jim WB9LNU

The Raffle was conducted by Tom and Jackie.

~~Add don't forget the efforts every month by our food and drink crew.~~

Brian KB9LCQ presented a abbreviated talk on GPS and Ham tracking packet systems. Next month will be a recap and conclusion to the talk.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

The meeting was held at Matt's QTH and all directors were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- Liquid assets \$3457.06 Total \$9457.06 All bills are paid.

Field Day cost were approx. \$300.00 not including the john. The \$300 did include the new dipole antenna and all the food.

The next board meeting will be at Jerry's QTH at 5111 N. 70th Street. The Sept. meeting will be at Dave's QTH.

Dave -- " I officially welcome all the new members to the board " Mark Bye has been appointed by me to replace Matt's director position since Matt has been elected as the clubs new 1st V.P. Matt had 1 year to go on his 2 year term as a director.

VEC news from ED--- Ed reports that he had a nice time at the National Conference of VEC's. No major changes have been discussed by the FCC in regard to CW or eliminating the Novice license class. 9 people from the FCC came to the meeting. The main thing they would like the VE's to introduce is the new universal license forms that will take the place of the present 610 form. The FCC has 45 different forms now and would like to reduce the number to 10 or so. The universal form has some problems as of now, they wanted to use our Social Security number instead of birthdays, however this brought on a lot of flak and no decision has been made. The universal form also has no space for a Doctors Waiver in the case of a handicapped person applying for a CW waiver. So much needs to be done before the new form can be put into use.

Ed says that while he is on the subject, he needs much more help with the VE program. Some of the present VE's would like to drop out of the program. The expenses for the VE program are paid from the MRAC VE fund which gets it's money from testing fees. The NCVEC also has a fund that pays the majority of the VEC's trip cost to the conference. Our VE fund paid approx. \$200 for Ed's trip to the conference.

Field Day -- Jerry KC9EV our Field Day Chairman this year made a motion to donate \$100 to Pioneer Village for the use of their property and the motion was approved by the Board.

Jerry also would like to thank the members who came in some way. Perhaps with a club hat or T-shirt. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Jerry also requested that the club purchase some tables and chairs for Field Day and any other events, 2 tables and 8 chairs. \$200 was voted in by the board to cover the expense. Jerry will store the tables for now.

Jerry also thought that we should ask Fred if we could install a permanent rope in the trees for our antennas. The rest of the group thought that this is not in the spirit of Field Day to have the site prepared in advance. Jerry also has 3 sections of tower that he will donate to the club for Field Day.

Food at the meetings. Dave -- We need a committee to get several volunteers lined up to bring the soda and donuts to the meeting. This way no-one is stuck with doing it all the time and in case someone can't make it we have an alternate to handle it.

Pancho -- Progress is being made on our new format for the Chatter.

Dave -- The club collected \$35 when the box was passed for donations to help the AREC purchase radio's for their new emergency truck. The AREC also asked if they could use our repeater as a back-up for theirs. Assuming ours is working from it's new location someday.

Dave passed out a copy of a proposal by the ARRL to simplify our present license structure and Dave would like the Board to discuss the proposal at the next meeting and send the results of our discussion to the ARRL.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary



MRAC Meeting next month will be on spark transmitters by Jim, WB9LNU. The month of September is the 100th anniversary of the first North American wireless transmission. The event took place in 1898 at Notre Dame University.

WB9LNU has a spark transmitter exactly like the one used in this historic event as well as a 1910 model with a rotary spark gap. Galena crystal receivers will also be shown.

Along with the live demonstration of the transmitters actually working ( just for a few seconds ) will be a brief history of what was taking place during this time in history.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with minor changes.

Treasurers report -- \$9258.06 in total assets.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave read the results of Field Day. See separate section on Field Day results in the Chatter.

Jerry KC9EV thanked everyone who participated in Field Day for the nice job they did and said it was a very enjoyable experience.

Dave thanked Jack W9JK for being our VEC for many years and called on Ed, our new VEC to tell about his trip to the National VEC conference. See the write up on Ed's trip in the Board meeting minutes.

Ed also said that he is looking into buying Gordon West General Class question pool manuals to sell to interested club members at cost and with no tax.

Matt Planning had to get the food and drinks for the meeting because no-one was available to do it. Dave asked that a committee be formed to find volunteers so the same person doesn't always have to provide the refreshments.

Dave passed out a ARRL questionnaire and explained what was on it. He is looking for feedback from the members on the ARRL proposal to reduce the code requirement and eliminate the Novice class license. The ARRL wants to change the structure of the classes of license. This is just a preliminary idea in case the FCC should decide to go along with a similar program that is being considered in England, Canada, France and Germany.

Harry Cieszki visiting from Florida says " I've been here for a month and no-one except Jim WB9LNU has been on the repeater! How come???

Dave -- I am still looking for a Treasurer to replace Ken. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer for the position. Mark Bye has been appointed to fill the vacant spot of director since Matt Planning has just been elected to the 1st V.P. position.

Dave -- I have a zip code map showing the location of the club members if anyone would like to see it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The program for the evening was on AMSAT and other satellites in orbit and how to find them. Also, what is to come with Phase 3D etc: By Gary Bargholz N9UUR. Gary is the AMSAT area 9 coordinator.

Jim WB9LNU Secretary

MRAC Board Meeting

9/21/98

The meeting was held at Dave's QTH.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- Liquid Assets \$3007.90      Total \$ 9007.90

All bills are paid at this time. Dues for next year are due now. The deadline is 1/31/99.

The meeting program in Oct. will be by Matt KB9PRC on rust proofing and other methods to preserve all type of metals outdoors, including antenna's.

The November Board meeting will be one week early due to Thanksgiving 11/16/98. The Club meeting will also be one week early 11/19/98.

The Christmas Party menu will be Haddock, Baked Chicken and Roast Beef. Beer and Soda is also included. Mixed drinks are not covered, but are available at your expense.

The cost this year is \$16.00 per person. The dinner is on Dec.13th at Alioto's on Burleigh and 100. All tickets must be purchased in advance and no later than Dec.9th.

Prizes this year will be plants -- One per couple no exceptions. Note: The \$16.00 does not cover the entire expense of the dinner and prizes. MRAC is picking up the balance.

The Board would like to establish exactly how many MRAC members are ARRL members.

Matt KB9PRC and Jerry KC9EV have volunteered to get the Chatter mailed of now on.

MRAC VE testing will be at the 31-91 Swap Fest Nov.7th.

Rick WB9PTC says he will continue with CW practice on 2 meters 145.430.

Jerry is still looking for tables and chairs for the club.

Matt will check on prices for MRAC " T " shirts.

Dave says that we should save our receipts for AES, they will give the club a 1% of the total of all the member receipts for the purchase of club materials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Jim WB9LNU

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report: Total assets \$9007.90 Liquid \$3007.90

Some dues money will be used to pay for any overages on the Christmas Party. Remember that your dues for next year are due now. \$15.00 The deadline date is 1/31/99. After this date you will no longer receive the Chatter until you have renewed. The largest portion of your dues goes to run Field Day and Publish the Chatter. The repeater is supported by the raffle money at the club meetings.

The mic was passed for all to I.D. Fred Linn W9NZF thanked the club for the donation of \$100.00 for the use of the Field Day site, The thanks is on behalf of the Historical Society and Fred.

Dave -- The club Christmas Party info will be in the next news letter. Everyone, please watch for it and send your money in early.

The November club meeting will be one ~~month~~<sup>Week</sup> early due to ThanksGiving.

Matt KB9PRC will give the October club meeting talk on preserving metals outdoors. For antenna's , cars etc:

Nov. 7th will be the 31 - 91 repeater club swap fest.

Dave -- The ARRL elections for the 9 area director is coming soon. He suggest that we do not vote for the existing director since he never answers our letters or comes to see us. Dave E-Mailed the new people running for director and they both answered us right away. Dave read the letter from KB9FOH and he seems very genuine. We had a SURPRISE GUEST David N9TQA who also is running for director showed up at the meeting and presented us with his attributes and ideas. He basically said that he is willing to be open minded and would like to hear form us on our ideas on the new license formats and other ideas we have to get Ham Radio back on track with new licensee's.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

No food or drink was served do to no volunteer to handle the kitchen duties. No raffle was held to give our guest time to talk to the members.

The program for the evening was on 1898 and 1910 spark transmitters and early receivers by Jim WB9LNU.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

The meeting was held at Matt's QTH. Called to order at 7:00.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as written.

Absent Ed W9PWG.

Treasurers report. -- Total liquid assets \$2921.77 Total MRAC funds with CD's \$8921.77.

Ken also reports that he will continue to try and set up a charge account with Office Depot so anyone can pick up the Chatter after it is printed and will not have to pay cash from their personal funds. Office Depot wants a bank statement showing that the club has funds to cover the charges.

The next Board meeting will be held at Mark's QTH. 2467 N. 58th St. 447-8090 on Nov. 16th.

Our usual music group for the Christmas party will not be available so the Board has decided to provide our own CD music for background. Ed and Jim will try to bring some equipment for this. The Board also decided to give the painting donated by Harry Cieszki K4VKW as a prize at the party.

Dave will send letters out to some of the local club presidents and invite them to come to the party. He will enclose a dinner application. He will also write the the newly elected ARRL people from the 9th division and ask them if they would like to come.

A lengthily discussion was held on how to get more people to join the club. Mark suggested that a good working repeater would help allot. Mark made a motion that we do whatever is necessary to bring our repeater up to it's highest working standard. And that we pursue a better site to get the best coverage we can. The Board agreed to push for this after the 1st of the year. Dave says the only stipulation should be that we can't afford \$100 per month for a site.

Pancho showed the new sample Chatter the the board to give some idea of what it may look like. Pancho says that he still will meet with the guy that is helping with the new format to iron out more details prior to using it for the first time.

Brian KB9LCQ will keep the clubs new date base. After all membership renewals are in, he will be able to formulate a roster. Kate KA9MWT is helping Pancho with the Birthdays column.

Jerry and Matt have promised to take care of getting the Chatter mailed in November.

Al KB9NRS will take over organizing the refreshments at the club meetings. Al will be looking for helpers and they should see him if they would like to volunteer to help.

Dues deadline is March 1st. otherwise no more Chatters will be sent.

Dave requested that the secretary get a list of all the video's that the club owns from Ed.

Jerry is still looking for the best deal on the new club tables and chairs. We won't need them until Field Day, so he obviously has some time yet.

Matt is checking with Will Silk Screen Co. on getting club " T " shirts. We will have a detailed discussion at one of the meetings after the 1st of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12. Thanks to Matt for the use of his QTH.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:40.

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurers report -- Liquid assets \$3007.90 and rising daily due to new dues coming in.

Ken also asked if everyone has a club I.D. badge for the meeting. If not please let him know and he will see that a new one is made for you.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Fred Recklies KB9JBG thanked everyone for the flowers that the club sent while he was in the hospital getting his foot amputated due to his diabetes.

Dave reminded everyone to vote for a new ARRL 9th division director because the present one doesn't even take the time to answer our letters. Also don't forget to send in your comments to the FCC on the new proposed rule making on new license structure. The comments are due by Dec.

Dave says we should all save our receipts from anything we buy from AES because last year, they had a program that clubs could get a 1% discount on club purchases based on the total purchases by it's members and they may do it again. Copy your receipts and give them to the secretary.

Al KB9NRS will be taking over as food coordinator at the club meetings. He is looking for additional volunteers to help him. Please see Al if you care to help.

Mark KB9LDX says he has a packet bulletin on 145.030 We should check in some time.

There is some MRAC info on the bulletin.

Dave says we should check in to the Friday night net once and awhile. Also we need a new net control so Ed can have a rest. Ed has been doing it for several years now.

Next months meeting program will be about the Navy MARS program. Our speaker will be from Great Lakes Naval Station.

Ed gave the latest details on the repeater and explained some of the mistakes he made in tuning the cavities and thus the reason we could not get into the repeater. The adjustments have been corrected. What the repeater needs is a higher and more centrally located site.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The program for the evening was by Matt KB9PRC on protecting metals and repairing rusted or corroded metals.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary

*Auctioned off code key.*

The November meeting was held one week early do to Thanksgiving. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 at Mark's QTH ( KB9LDX ).

Meeting minutes were taken by Matt due to the secretaries absence.

Treasurers report. Liquid assets \$3621.28 plus \$6k in CD's.

Discussion on the possibility of Bart Jahnke of the VEC group coming to a club meeting in March on the 18th or 19th. A motion was made and seconded to pay for Bart's trip if we can get him to come. Ed will check on the availability of the church since Bart would be coming one week earlyer than our normal meeting date. More info on this in next month's Chatter.

Gerry Melotic made a motion that we donate \$100 to the church at this years end. Seconded by Rick.

Motion to renew Smoke Signals for 3 years and seconded by Pancho. Pancho uses info from Smoke Signals for our Chatter with credit to the source of course.

Motion to try a 1 year trial subscription to ARNS. Seconded by Gerry.

Next board meeting possible location, Rick WB9GYT.

Al KB9NRS a guest to the meeting presented some ideas he has on having a club patch made.

A suggestion was made to have 3 members get together with Al and formulate a final plan for the patch and research the prices. The majority of board members voted not to have the ARRL logo on the patch. Anyone who wants to display the ARRL logo can do so by buying a ARRL patch.

Add on's such as VE or Field Day were discussed. More on this at the next board meeting.

Ed told of the sad news of the death of Fred W9VLK.

Final discussion on the Christmas party.

The meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Matt and entered into  
the clubs record by Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary



MRAC Club Meeting

11/19/98

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

Previous meeting minutes were read and corrected.

Treasurers report -- \$3621.28 Liquid assets \$9621.28 total with CD's.

Ken also reminded everyone that club dues are due by January 1st. You will not receive a Chatter after Feb. if you do not pay the dues.

The mic was passed for all to I.D.

Dave reminded everyone that the deadline to register for the Christmas dinner is Dec.9 and the party will be Dec.13 at Aliotos. Dave sent some invitations to some other local club officers to invite them to the party.

In March we will start a new list for a new club roster. Also in March, we are trying to invite Bart Johnke the VEC group leader or the new winner of the ARRL division election. The members have requested that the talk be on the new FCC license restructuring. And of course if Bart comes, we will also hear about the latest developments in the VEC program. Dave also reminded everyone the the ARRL and the FCC are still looking for your comments on the new license structure proposals.

Roger W9UVV, informed everyone that the ARRL is asking individuals and clubs to donate money to the Defend Our Frequencies Fund. Since the ARRL is our major voice on this subject we should seriously consider helping out. Dave asked the members if we should send some money on behalf of the club. Vern Teskie W9RYA, made a motion that the club donate \$200.00. and the motion was seconded. A discussion on the pro's and con's of donating the money followed.

Rick WB9GYT voiced his displeasure with the ARRL and lack of help on the Milwaukee tower ordinance problem. The group over all decided that this is a worth while cause and voted YES to sending the money. Dave so ordered the Treasurer to send the check on behalf of MRAC.

Ed -- VE testing has been canceled at the South Wauwatosa Bank due to lack of people showing up to be tested. All testing will be at AES.

Don't forget the West Allis Club swap fest on Jan. 9 at the Waukesha Expo Center.

Dave -- Gave last minute thanks to all that have helped run the club this past year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim WB9LNU  
Secretary